(e) National Policy on Education, 1986 envisages raising of resources, to the extent possible, *inter-alia*, by raising fees at the higher level of education. Commercial Banks have been providing need-based finance under the "Educational Loans".

Earthquake Survey conducted by Geological Survey of India

2621. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Geological Survey of India has taken up earthquake impact studies and post earthquake survey in the earthquake affected region of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government have taken on the study reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Geological Survey of India (GSI) have carried out post earthquake scientific studies in the earthquake affected areas of Uttar Pradesh. These studies cover survey and assessment of damages and the pattern of impact on houses, roads, land, bridges rivers and engineering structures and assessment of consequent damages and their pattern of impact on settlements and dwellings. The studies seek to delineate and determine at picentral tracts and iso-seisonal boundaries so that iso?seismic mars can be prepared for further studies.

(c) A preliminary report of the earthquake impact study carried out by ASI teams has been received by the Government. After receipt of final reports and their examination, planning of seismo-tectonic studies will be taken up for better understanding of geological processes and possible causes of earthquakes in the region.

Save KGF Committee

2622 SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a rejoinder letter from Save KGF Committee, Kolar Gold Fields, Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Mineral Deposits in Darjeeling and Sikkim

2623. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the mountain region of Darjeeling and Sikkim is rich in various mineral deposits;

(b) if so, what steps Govt. are taking to explore the possibilities there; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of survey carried out so far by Geological Survey of India (GSI), 42 occurences of basemetals (Copper-Lead-Zinc) have been located in Sikkim and Darjeeling Himalayas. Out of these 24 occurrences are located in Sikkim, where Rangpo Copper Mine is the only prospect under exploitation.

GSI has also planned for undertaking search for poly-metallic mineralisation in extension areas of Gorubathan-Rangpo-Munsong sector and

investigation for base-metals in Rorathang-Mamjang-Jamthang block of East Sikkim.

In Darjeeling area GSI has completed survey for coal and has estimated an inferred reserve of about 15 million tonnes.

(c) Does not arise.

अभ्रक की खानें

2624. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या **खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय किन-किन स्थानों और राज्यों में अभ्रक की खानें हैं तथा उनमें से कितनी खानें चालू अवस्था में हैं और कितनी बंद पड़ी हैं ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार बंद पड़ी खानों को पुन: चालू करने का विचार रखती है और यदि हां तो, इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) अभ्रक का खनन मुख्यत: बिहार : राजस्थान और आंध्र प्रदेश राज्यों में होता है ।

इन राज्यों में अभ्रक खानों वाले खास स्थान इस प्रकार है :—

बिहार :—मोहनरिया, खलकथम्बी बरिया, भानेखाप, खिरोनिया, भूरा, देबोर, बंदारचुआ, सेतवा, फगुनी, बिन्देश्वरी, मोहागाजो, जमुना, मोहगेन, बारासिहा, चरकीपहाड़ी, साफी (धरबे) शिवशंकर जमुनिया सुरंगी, कूडी, सरापहाड़ी, सेवा धाव सुरनाई, नरेना, लक्ष्मीजोट, पंचरूखी, सिंहोपहाड़ी, पेसाम चरखापठानी, बिजया, दोमचाच-बरिया, राखवा ।

राजस्थान : कृष्णा (पोटलन), दान्ता (भुनास), टून्का, गणेशपुरा, बंजारी, भाडू (बंजाह), अन्नपूर्णा, लौआरिया-भगवानपुरा, गनेश, गनेशभंडेर, बिलिया, डीमिया, बिशनिया, बिजोय, बिसुन्दनी, शंकरबारे, बारटा, धोली, भोजपुरा, केराला, कौन्थल, भगतपुरा भीलमोगरा, मोदाहारदा, जीवन, धंडबरिया ।

आंध्र प्रदेश :—श्रीवेंकटेश्वर, आनन्दकल्याणी जानकीराम, कुबेर, पल्लीमिट्टा, तेल्लाबोदू, बेंकटेश्वर, शाह विश्वेश्वर श्री रामकृष्णा, विनायक, एल० एन० खान, मीनाक्षीसुन्दरम, शंकर, श्रीकृष्णा, सीतारामा, कल्याणरामा, भवन शंकर, सीतारामाचंद्रा, सिद्धेश्वरा, कन्याकुमारी, भवानी, कनकदुर्गा, वेंकटेश्वर, सुवर्णा गौरी ।

उपलब्ध जानकारी के अनुसार, देश में कुल अभ्रक खानों में कमी आई है, 1972 में 438 थीं और 1990 में 133 हैं ।

(ख) अभ्रक खनन उद्योग को पुन: चालू करने के लिए सरकार ने निम्नलिखित कदम उठाये हैं :—

(1) अभ्रक कतरन के लिए निर्माताओं को उचित मूल्य दिलाने के लिए खरीद नीति में संशोधन ।

(2) वर्धित मूल्य अभ्रक आधारित वस्तुओं के लिए उद्योगों की स्थापना करना ।

Bharat Gold Mines Limited

2625. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. (BGML), Kolar Gold fields has become a loss-making unit as gold content in the ore has reduced and extraction has been dwindling for almost a decade;